

New Hampshire Vision Problems: The Scope and Burden of Age-Related Eye Disease



Understanding the prevalence and cost of age-related eye disorders will help policymakers develop better policies and interventions for preventing and treating vision problems. If appropriate preventive steps are not taken, costs will burgeon as the population of New Hampshire ages and life expectancy increases. The number of New Hampshire residents with impaired vision, including blindness, could more than double over the next three decades.

Prevalence of age-related eye disease in New Hampshire

	<i>total</i>	<i>female</i>	<i>male</i>
Vision Impairment, Age 40 and older	15,109	10,022	5,087
Blindness, Age 40 and older	4,245	2,830	1,415
Myopia, Age 40 and older	177,549	96,715	80,834
Hyperopia, Age 40 and older	62,632	36,676	25,956
Age-Related Macular Degeneration, Age 50 and older	9,667	6,168	3,498
Cataract, Age 40 and older	101,420	60,339	41,081
Diabetic Retinopathy, Age 40 and older	18,752	9,072	9,680
Glaucoma, age 40 And older	9,118	5,609	3,509

The Economic Impact of Vision Problems in New Hampshire

ANNUAL COST OF VISION PROBLEMS IN NEW HAMPSHIRE	\$ 231,616,839
<i>New Hampshire Share of Total Burden to the U.S. Economy</i>	\$ 159,580,305
Direct Medical Costs	\$ 73,028,275
Direct Non-Medical Costs	\$ 50,488,684
Productivity Losses	\$ 36,063,346
<i>Excess Monetary Impact to Individuals, Caregivers and Other Healthcare Payers</i>	\$ 72,036,533
Medical Care Expenditures	\$ 23,080,541
Informal Care Costs	\$ 1,622,851
Health Utility Loss	\$ 47,333,141

Details available online at preventblindness.org

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<http://preventblindness.org/research/costofblindness.html>

